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MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2025

TO: Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor
FROM: Mel Rapozo, Council Chair 
RE: **APRIL 9, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING RECAP**

This is to inform you of the action taken by the Council at its April 9, 2025 Council Meeting:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C 2025-86 Communication (03/28/2025) from Councilmember Kaneshiro, providing written disclosure of a possible conflict of interest and recusal relating to Bill No. 2949, the Mayor's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 regarding the appropriation to Kaua'i Soil Conservation in the Department of Public Works – Administration, Grant-In-Aid, as he is a Director for the East Kaua'i Soil & Water Conservation District. **(Received for the Record.)**

COMMUNICATIONS:

C 2025-87 Communication (03/18/2025) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend Federal funds in the amount of \$203,743.00, and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, for the Kaua'i Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Expansion Project 23-V2-03 (Victim/Witness Program) for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. **(Approved.)**

C 2025-88 Communication (03/19/2025) from the Prosecuting Attorney, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend Federal funds for the Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit for Fiscal Year 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant, in the amount of \$50,216.00, and to indemnify the State of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, to support a 0.65 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and supplies, for the anticipated period of June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. **(Approved.)**

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C 2025-89 Communication (03/21/2025) from Assistant Chief Elliott K. Ke, requesting Council approval to renew software licenses with Bosch for crash data for Hyundai and Kia compatibility, which enables investigators to identify, acquire, and analyze data from vehicle systems, identifying patterns of life, people of interest, links between individuals, sequence of events, timelines of activity, and locations of interests during collision investigations. ***(Approved.)***

C 2025-90 Communication (03/21/2025) from Assistant Chief Elliott K. Ke, requesting Council approval of the terms contained in the Berla's Terms and Conditions regarding Attorney Fees and costs, enabling investigators to identify, acquire, and analyze data from vehicle systems with the iVe Toolkit. ***(Approved.)***

C 2025-91 Communication (03/24/2025) from the Director of Economic Development, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Article 10, And Chapter 17, Article 2, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Use Of Public Electric Vehicle Chargers, implementing user fees, timing restrictions, and other parameters for public use of electric vehicle charging stations operated by the County of Kaua'i, to ensure adequate investment in the County electric vehicle charging network by authorizing the County to recover the costs of operating and maintaining its charging stations and equipment. ***(Received for the Record.)***

C 2025-92 Communication (03/28/2025) from Mayor Kawakami, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. B-2024-896, As Amended, Relating To The Operating Budget Of The County Of Kaua'i, State Of Hawai'i, For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025, By Revising The Amounts Estimated In The General Fund, relating to the State of Hawai'i Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), Bargaining Unit (BU) 12, temporary hazard pay. ***(Received for the Record.)***

CLAIM:

C 2025-93 Communication (03/20/2025) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Desaray Saito-Brown, for property damage, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua'i. ***(Referred to the Office of the County Attorney for disposition and/or report back to the Council.)***

COMMITTEE REPORTS: APPROVED.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2952) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 10, AND CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 2, KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO USE OF PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS ***(Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for May 14, 2025, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.)***

Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2953) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. B-2024-896, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND (*SHOPO Temporary Hazard Pay*) (***Approved on 1st Reading, Public Hearing scheduled for May 14, 2025, and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee.***)

BILLS FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 2943 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 20, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS ONTO COUNTY LANDS (***Approved.***)

Bill No. 2944, Draft 1 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX (*New tax classification “Long-Term Affordable Rental”*) (***Approved.***)

Thank you for following up as appropriate, including confidential routing to any appropriate parties, and please do not hesitate to contact me or Council Services Staff if you need further information. Please note that this memorandum presents a summary of the action taken, and reference should be made to the official minutes for a complete record.

cc: KCT Department Heads (*Via Email*)
KCT CCs (*Via Email*)
Council Services Staff (*Via Email*)